

IN THE CLAIMS

The below listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An embolic protection device for capturing embolic debris released into a body vessel of a patient, comprising:

a shaft member having a distal end, a proximal end and a stop fitting; and

a filtering assembly rotatably mounted on the shaft member near the distal end thereof, the filtering assembly including an expandable strut assembly and a filter attached to the strut assembly for capturing embolic debris, the filtering assembly being mounted on an outer tubular member which is coaxially disposed over an inner tubular member having a length shorter than the outer tubular member, wherein one end of the inner tubular member is adapted to abut against the stop fitting located on the shaft member for limiting axial movement of the filtering assembly along the shaft member and the outer tubular member extends along the length of the filtering assembly.

2. (Original) The embolic protection device of claim 1, wherein:

the shaft member is a guide wire and includes a distal spring tip coil, the spring tip coil serving as the stop fitting which abuts against the inner tubular member.

3. (Previously Presented) The embolic protection device of claim 2, wherein:

each of the inner and outer tubular members has a proximal end and a distal end and the guide wire includes a second stop fitting in an abutting relationship with the proximal ends of the outer and inner tubular members.

4. (Original) The embolic protection device of claim 2, wherein:

the outer tubular member extends over a portion of the spring tip coil of the guide wire.

5. (Original) The embolic protection device of claim 2, wherein:

the outer and inner tubular members are made from polyimide.

6 – 43. (Canceled).